

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 7, 2017

Item Number: **043**

Purchasing Office

Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Priestler-Mell & Nicholson, Inc., to provide air insulated padmount switchgear, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,793,350. (Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.)

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$632,225 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
Purchasing Language	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) GGU0166 for these goods. The solicitation issued on June 5, 2017 and it closed on June 29, 2017. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: Solicitation Documents <https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=118412> .
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov < mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov > NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person:

	Terry V. Nicholson, at 512-322-6586 or Terry.Nicholson@austinenergy.com < mailto:Terry.Nicholson@austinenergy.com >.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	November 13, 2017 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Fath and Hadden absent, and with two vacancies.
Client Department(s)	Austin Energy.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide standard air insulated padmount switchgear for Austin Energy. Air insulated switchgear are used for underground electrical distribution systems. They are a collection of fuses and switches used for high voltage switching and circuit protection. This equipment will be used for existing and future improvements on underground projects such as campus-type industrial needs, and commercial and shopping centers where multiple pieces of equipment and multiple customers must be protected.

The contract will replace two existing contracts with total average annual expenditures of \$347,431. It will also provide Austin Energy access to necessary supplies that were not previously contracted for. The contract forecast is based on the average usage over the past three years and forecasted work already reserved in Austin Energy's work order system. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods.

If this contract is not executed, Austin Energy's ability to respond to customers' needs may be compromised.

Contract Detail

	Contract Term	Contract Amount	Contract Amendment	Revised Amount
Initial Term	2	\$1,517,340	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 1	1	\$ 758,670	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 2	1	\$ 758,670	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 3	1	\$ 758,670	n/a	n/a
TOTAL	5	\$3,793,350	\$ -	\$ -

